

in the city. Alongside former City Councilman Bert Williams, Chew played a significant role in integrating Colonial Country Club, becoming one of its first black members.

Reverend Chew served as Moderator Emeritus and the Treasurer of the Missionary Baptist General Convention of Texas, a position that he held for the past thirty-five years. He was also the first Vice-President of the National Baptist Convention of America, Inc. Until his passing, he served as the head of the Black Ecumenical Leadership Alliance, an organization he helped found that brings Christian ministers together in an effort to impact and change the lives of people throughout Fort Worth, Texas and the world.

Reverend Chew not only gave back to his church community, but also served his country during World War II. As a troop coordinate in the United States Army, Reverend Chew demonstrated an unwavering commitment to his country. He was also committed to bettering the conditions of the African American community and played an active role in his local NAACP chapter.

In honor of Reverend Albert E. Chew, Jr., for his lifelong commitment to both his local and church communities; this statement will be submitted on Monday, November 16, 2015.

RECOGNIZING DR. CAROL GOMEZ SUMMERHAYS' ELECTION AS PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2015

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Carol Gomez Summerhays, an accomplished dentist who recently was elected as the first Filipina President of the American Dental Association, a first the 156-year history of the ADA. Her election is a tremendous accomplishment for women and the Filipino-American community.

It is my honor to commend Dr. Summerhays on a lifetime of service and commitment to the field of dentistry and community service. Involved in a number of professional and civic organizations, she is a great choice to head this prestigious organization.

A graduate of the University of Southern California on a full scholarship through the Armed Forces Health Professions Act, she's owned a respected private practice for 32 years. Dr. Summerhays is a past president of the California Dental Association and a current member of the American College of Dentists, Academy of General Dentistry, the American Association of Women Dentists, the Hispanic Dental Association, and the Pankey Institute.

In addition to her numerous professional accomplishments, Dr. Summerhays served on Active Duty as a lieutenant in the United States Navy Dental Corps for four years.

Dr. Summerhays' time in the military was part of her life-long commitment to community service. As a board member of Rotary International Thousand Smiles, she helped establish a dental clinic in Ensenada, Mexico. She's also provided charitable dental services to St. Vincent De Paul's Homeless Shelter, Regional Access Medical LA, and USC's East LA Dental Clinic.

Her community involvement extends to the San Diego County Dental Society, the Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary Board, and the American Cancer Society-La Jolla League.

I commend Dr. Summerhays for her 37 years of distinguished leadership. I am proud to be a part of the Asian American community where our professionals go beyond what is required in order to make a positive impact on others.

I rise today to offer her my most heartfelt congratulations for her exceptional achievements in the field of dentistry and her continued commitment to community service.

RECOGNIZING THE SIKH MASSACRE OF 1984

HON. JERRY McNERNEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2015

Mr. McNERNEY. Mr. Speaker, today, I want to honor those who were killed during the November 1984 anti-Sikh pogroms and massacre in Delhi, India. I also want to bring attention to the current desecration of the Sikh's Holy Scriptures. Sikhs are a minority group that should be officially recognized and I ask that this Congress support the plight of the Sikh people to gain recognition in India and halt the persecution against the Indian Sikh community.

TRIBUTE TO SWEET ALICE HARRIS

HON. KAREN BASS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2015

Ms. BASS. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize and celebrate 50 years and community improvement in Watts and South Los Angeles, California, under the inspiration and leadership of Sweet Alice Harris.

Sweet Alice, as she is universally known, began speaking up against the health disparities and lack of access to services that she saw in her neighborhood five decades ago. She founded the organization Parents of Watts to give voice to those who were no longer willing to accept the circumstances in which they found themselves and their children after decades of civic neglect. Parents of Watts provided a platform for community organizing and self-empowerment.

Watts and greater South Los Angeles might be a very different place without Sweet Alice Harris. Fifty years ago she began clearly and effectively insisting that her children, her neighbors and her community should have the same access to education, health care, safety and employment that others have. Through her unrelenting, focused advocacy, her effective story-telling, and her development of relationships with both the neediest and the most powerful in Los Angeles, she has improved the quality of life for people well beyond her immediate reach.

I offer my personal thanks and congratulations to Sweet Alice on 50 years of service. I remember the founding of Parents of Watts, an organization that has grown to provide an array of services to a diverse segment of the

community, including emergency food and shelter for the homeless, college preparation for teenagers, drug counseling, health seminars and parenting classes. I am pleased that this work has been recognized over the years, including by Essence Magazine, the California Lieutenant Governor's Woman of the Year Award, the Minerva Award from the California Governor & First Lady's Conference on Women, President George H. W. Bush's #702 Points of Light Award, and an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from the University of Southern California.

With a list of accomplishments too lengthy to list here, her greatest success is that her work will continue to benefit Watts and South Los Angeles for the foreseeable future. It is an honor to recognize her work.

HONORING VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA, LUCIO G. MORENO, CHAPTER 574

HON. BETO O'ROURKE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2015

Mr. O'ROURKE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Chapter 574 of the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) for their service to our country and support of Vietnam War Veterans, including those in El Paso. The Lucio G. Moreno Chapter has worked to assure that these veterans and their families are not forgotten in my district.

Named in honor of lifelong El Pasoan and United States Marine Corps Veteran Lucio G. Moreno, Chapter 574 expanded under Mr. Moreno's fifteen years of leadership as President. The chapter is now the second largest in Texas and has advocated for improved healthcare access for our service members and veterans.

Chapter 574 is an active force in our local community and the State of Texas. The Lucio G. Moreno Chapter held the Texas State Council convention for 37 VVA state chapters earlier this year, providing a space for Veterans to gather and discuss current issues facing veterans today such as reform efforts within the VA and access to benefits. The organization regularly performs color guard duty at my Town Hall meetings and volunteers their time to support local high school ROTC programs throughout El Paso.

The chapter has also worked to create a more welcoming environment for service members returning home. These Vietnam Veterans felt that their own homecoming and readjustment was difficult; they strive to ensure that "never again will one generation of veterans abandon another."

I am honored to recognize the Lucio G. Moreno Chapter 574 of Vietnam Veterans of America and their work to diligently serve our community and our veterans.

HONORING CPL. ARNOLD ABEL

HON. TODD C. YOUNG

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Cpl. Arnold Gordon Abel, of French Lick, Indiana.

I ask you all to join me in honoring the life of a fellow Hoosier veteran.

Cpl. Abel entered the military at the age of 19 and served in South Vietnam. As a United States Infantryman, Abel personified bravery and dignity while serving with his fellow Chargers in the 196th Infantry Brigade.

At home in Indiana, family and friends share fond memories of Abel and the character he embodied.

Abel was renowned for his steadfast work ethic. In the months leading up to his initial deployment in October of 1967, Abel spent much of his leave time working for his former employer at the Hayden Jones construction company. His former employer praised the young man for exhibiting a maturity and dedication well beyond his years.

Abel was cherished by his parents, Grace and Carl, and by his sisters, Brenda and Kathleen. He was a true American patriot and it is a privilege to stand here today in celebration of his life, which ended on the battlefield in South Vietnam on January 10th, 1968.

Each year on Veterans' Day, Americans around the world join together to pay tribute to all who served and to the soldiers who gave their last full measure of devotion fighting for the freedoms for which their nation still stands today.

While over four decades have passed since Cpl. Abel laid down his life in service to the United States of America, his noble sacrifice lives on in the memories of family, friends, and the many people whose lives are better for having crossed his path.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2015

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$18,649,024,795,838.78. We've added \$8,022,147,746,925.70 to our debt in 6 years. This is over \$8 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS IN AMERICA

HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2015

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding landmark to community health and welfare. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the nation's Community Health Center program. Community Health Centers (CHC) are the family doctor to over 23 million Americans and, as such, are the largest network of primary care providers in the country. The CHC model is distinguished by its comprehensive range of health services, recognizing the particular needs and charac-

teristics of the communities they serve. Community Health Centers are located in medically underserved areas, providing needed care for communities and populations that do not have adequate access to care. Community involvement in CHCs is guaranteed by the requirement that Federal Qualified Health Centers must have governing boards of directors that have patients of the center holding at least 51% of the board seats.

In Massachusetts we are particularly proud because the nation's first community health center opened in December 1965 on Columbia Point in Boston's Dorchester neighborhood. Drs. Jack Geiger and Count Gibson of Tufts Medical School founded the Columbia Point Health Center in order to meet the needs of the residents of an isolated public housing project, cut off from the City's health resources. Drs. Geiger and Gibson opened a rural center shortly thereafter in the Delta region of Mississippi. From that start, the community health center program expanded throughout the country. In 1966, the esteemed late Senator Edward M. Kennedy visited the Columbia Point Health Center and immediately understood its mission and its value. He became the greatest champion health centers have ever known. Over the next 50 years, with his leadership and support, the Community Health Center program expanded tremendously.

Mr. Speaker, there are now over 1,270 community health centers providing services at 9,000 sites across the country. CHCs have become the primary source of medical, dental, behavioral health, substance abuse treatment, social services and other community health services for neighborhoods and rural communities that would otherwise be inadequately served. CHCs have also provided employment and career opportunities for thousands of local residents.

Mr. Speaker, fifty years ago it all began here, in Massachusetts. I am proud to rise today to recognize and honor what has become a national model for providing services to our country's underserved areas and urge my colleagues to join me in acknowledging the efforts of our Community Health Centers.

HONORING WILLIAM S. MORIARTY

HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2015

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor William S. Moriarty from Carter County, Missouri for his exemplary service to not only his community, but also his country.

Bill began serving his country in the Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. His heroic actions were acknowledged when he received the Silver Star, one of the highest military awards. After a long and successful career in the military that spanned over 22 years, he retired at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. However, his impact on the military did not end there as Bill has since spent countless hours helping other veterans in our area register for benefits.

Bill has proven to be an invaluable asset to the community through his numerous volunteer efforts. He makes a direct impact on the lives of others by lecturing on the dangers of

drugs at local schools, donating his time at his local senior center, and working with the Meals on Wheels Program. Bill also volunteers through broader forums by serving on a branch of the University of Missouri Extension Council and as part of the Disaster Response Commission for Missouri.

Bill is an exceptional model of a true American who serves others and it is my pleasure to recognize his efforts and accomplishments before the United States House of Representatives.

TRIBUTE TO DR. ROBERT J. BEALL

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2015

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the work and achievements of Dr. Robert Beall, who recently stepped down as president and chief executive officer of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. In his 35 years with the Foundation, Dr. Beall's efforts to advance cystic fibrosis research and treatment have had an extraordinary impact. When Dr. Beall began work with the Foundation in 1980, the median predicted life expectancy of a patient with cystic fibrosis was 18 years. Today, it is more than 40 years.

In 1976, Dr. Beall was first introduced to the disease when he attended the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's meeting outside of San Diego. There, he was shocked to see how little scientific understanding there was about the disease. In the words of Dr. Beall, "the foundation was so small at that point that the parents were bringing all the food and operating the projector—and I met the parents . . . Kids were dying then at a very young age. After I met the parents, I went back to the National Institutes of Health and said: 'I want to do this.'" Dr. Beall went on to manage the National Institutes of Health's cystic fibrosis program. There, he earned a National Institutes of Health Merit Award for his significant contributions to the field.

In 1980, Dr. Beall joined the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation where he served first as their executive vice president for medical affairs and, beginning in 1994, as their president and CEO. During Dr. Beall's time with the Foundation, medical awards for cystic fibrosis research grew from \$4 million to over \$85 million and supported groundbreaking research including the discovery in 1989 of the genetic defect responsible for the disease. Further, under Dr. Beall's oversight, the Foundation established 114 care centers and cutting-edge research facilities. We also have Dr. Beall to thank for developing and advancing the innovative concept of venture philanthropy. With this practice, Dr. Beall created the Therapeutics Development Program to connect researchers with biotech companies. Thanks to Dr. Beall's work, many children diagnosed with cystic fibrosis have lived into adulthood and it is no longer a pediatric disease. Today, more than 50 percent of patients are over 18 years of age.

As co-chair of the Cystic Fibrosis Caucus, I have had the privilege of working with Dr. Beall and seeing firsthand his passion and commitment to finding a cure for cystic fibrosis. His steadfast leadership and innovative